

54. Lloyd Service Station,
Pattamatta, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh.
55. Vijayalakshmi Enterprises,
Vijaywada, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh.

ONGC's Project at Sakhalin in Russia

1809. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has taken up oil exploration project at Sakhalin in Russia;
- (b) if so, the details of the project viability;
- (c) the details of payment made to the evaluator of the project;
- (d) whether this has been cleared by the Ministry of Finance with certain reservations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) On 10.02.2001, ONGC-Videsh Ltd. (OVL), a wholly subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. signed an agreement with Rosneft, the national oil company of Russian Federation, for acquiring 20% participating interest of the Russian company in the Sakhalin-I offshore project.

(b) The payback period for the proposed investment is about 5 years. The investment is likely to generate a return of about 14% in Dollar terms.

(c) A sum of US \$ 0.5 million (Rs. 2.34 crores) has been paid till date to J.P. Morgan—the evaluator of the project.

(d) and (e) The proposal was approved by the Government following all requisite inter-Ministerial deliberations.

Allotment of petrol pumps to martyrs of Indian Police Service

1810. **SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for preferential allotment of Petrol and LPG agencies to the officials of Indian Police Service killed while performing official duty;